



DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY

NAVAL AIR STATION OCEANA
VIRGINIA BEACH, VIRGINIA 23460-5120

IN REPLY REFER TO:

NASOCEANAINST 11015.3B
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NAS OCEANA INSTRUCTION 11015.3B

Subj: FISHING REGULATIONS ON BOARD NAVAL AIR STATION OCEANA

Ref: (a) NAVFAC P-73, Volume 2
(b) Virginia Fishing (Current) Regulations
(c) 16 USC 670a

Encl: (1) Station Permit Suspension/Revocation

1. Purpose. To establish procedures for fishing on Naval Air Station (NAS) Oceana per references (a) and (b).

2. Cancellation. NASOCEANAINST 11015.3A. Because of numerous revisions, paragraph markings have been omitted.

3. Policy

a. It is the Department of Defense's policy that fishing at each military installation be authorized and controlled by the installation Commanding Officer through locally published station instructions which conform to all federal and state wildlife conservation statutes.

b. Violations of this instruction or references (a) and (b) may result in prosecution through the Federal Magistrates Court for NAS Oceana per 10 USC 2671 and applicable state laws and suspension or revocation of station fishing privileges, enclosure (1).

c. Reference (c) authorizes the Commanding Officer of naval installations to collect fees for hunting and fishing permits. Methods of dispersal, sales and handling of funds shall be per standard operating procedures established in concert with the Regional Comptroller Office. Funds collected from permit issuance are to be expended solely for management, protection and harvest of fish and wildlife resources per references (a) and (c).

4. Responsibilities

a. Natural Resources Manager. The Natural Resources Manager, Natural Resources Division, is responsible for managing fish and wildlife resources to include control of fishing and designation of fishing areas.

b. Security. Game Wardens are responsible for enforcing all federal, state and local laws and regulations. They are authorized to conduct creel inspections of fishermen to determine compliance with all applicable laws and licenses.

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c. Sportsman's Quality Management Board (SQMB). SQMB consists of 6 to 10 members with initial appointment by the Natural Resources Manager. The SQMB is responsible for supporting the Natural Resources Division in the promotion of safe and ethical hunting and fishing practices on board NAS Oceana. The SQMB functions as mediator in disputes over minor violations per enclosure (1).

d. Fishermen. Comply with this instruction and applicable state and federal regulations.

5. General

a. Authorized Personnel. The following persons are authorized to fish on NAS Oceana and Naval Auxiliary Landing Field (NALF) Fentress:

- (1) Active duty military personnel and their dependents.
- (2) Retired military personnel and their dependents.
- (3) Federal civilian employees of NAS Oceana and their dependents.
- (4) Reservists and their dependents.
- (5) The above listed authorized personnel may sponsor a guest. A weekly or annual fishing permit, valid only for the dates specified, is available for each guest while fishing on NAS Oceana and NALF Fentress. Guests must comply with all applicable regulations as outlined below and be accompanied at all times by their sponsor who shall assume responsibility for their actions.
- (6) The Commanding Officer of NAS Oceana has the authority to review, on a case by case basis, fishing requests made by civilians who do not fall under the above categories.

b. Life jackets. A life jacket is required for each person fishing from boats. Additionally, life jackets shall be worn by persons under the age of 10 years old while on boats.

c. Boats. Boats and canoes are permitted on ponds. Gasoline motors are prohibited. Boats and canoes may not be stored on ponds or surrounding banks.

d. Littering. Littering on station is prohibited. All refuse shall be placed in designated trash containers.

6. Permits

a. A current state or county fishing license is required of all guests, eligible personnel and their dependents age 16 and

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over who fish on NAS Oceana. Permit fees shall be waived for persons under the age of 16 and over 65 at the discretion of the Commanding Officer.

b. Application for fishing permits are obtainable only from the Natural Resources Division at Building 78, 433-2151. The cost of a fishing permit is \$6.00 per season. A weekly permit is available at a cost of \$3.00.

c. At the time of permit issuance, individuals shall be required to complete and sign a general release statement which relieves the federal government of all liability in case of accident or injury.

d. While fishing, dependents and guests under the age of 12 years of age must be accompanied by, and under the positive supervision of an adult, 18 years of age or older, who holds a valid fishing permit.

7. Regulations

a. General

(1) Consumption of alcoholic beverages while fishing or utilizing picnic facilities at the Oceana Pond recreation area is prohibited.

(2) Unless otherwise specified herein or by reference (b), limits, seasons, times and methods of taking fish shall conform to state and federal regulations.

(3) Fishing on installation waters shall be by angling with a hook and line or rod and reel, held in the hand. A hand held landing net may be used to remove fish legally hooked in these waters.

(4) No more than two treble hooks are permitted on any fishing lure.

(5) Use of live bait fish or introduction of other live fish into a freshwater pond is prohibited. Use of crickets, grubs, worms and other non-fish baits is permitted.

(6) Use of trotlines, fish traps or chemicals in the ponds is prohibited except under the direction of the Natural Resources Manager.

(7) There shall be no fishing from the sand pit ponds (FACSFAC VACAPES) from 1 October to 1 March.

(8) Report all violations to Security, Building 320 (433-3103) or the Wildlife Officer, Building 78, (433-2151).

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b. Creel and Size Limits

(1) Possession of large-mouth bass is prohibited except as specified below. Fish released unharmed to the same pond does not constitute possession.

(a) Possession is authorized from 16 June to 28 February only.

(b) Between 9 and 11 inches total length: two per person per day.

(c) Greater than 15 inches total length: one per person per day.

(d) All other sizes: possession is prohibited.

(2) A person shall not possess a catfish under 10 inches total length. There is a daily limit of three catfish per person.

(3) There is no size or creel limit on any other freshwater fish species.

c. Fishing Areas and Parking

(1) Information on parking and natural trails along with maps locating authorized fishing areas shall be provided with the fishing permit.

(2) Parking passes shall be issued with the fishing permit and must be displayed on the vehicle dashboard. Parking is permitted only in designated areas. Any vehicle outside these areas, or vehicles failing to display the appropriate parking pass, shall be towed at the owner's expense.

(3) Specific fishing areas may be closed by the Natural Resource Manager or Security Officer at any time. Such announcements shall be posted at Security, Building 320 and the Natural Resources Center, Building 78.


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STATION PERMIT SUSPENSION/REVOCATION

1. Policy. The privilege of fishing at NAS Oceana and NALF Fentress is governed by the Commanding Officer of NAS Oceana.
2. Authority. The Security Officer shall enforce regulations and has the authority to suspend or revoke fishing privileges as appropriate.
3. Violations. The following is a list of common violations and administrative actions which may be taken against personnel who violate applicable state and federal statutes and provisions of this instruction. Permit suspensions may be in addition to criminal prosecution and/or prosecution through the Uniform Code of Military Justice. Penalties for the first offense are listed. Penalty for the second offense is indefinite revocation of fishing privileges.

SUSPENSIONVIOLATION

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| 30 Days | Violation of any state statute. |
| 30 Days | Station fishing permit. |
| 30 Days | Operation of gasoline motor. |
| 30 Days | Digging in the vicinity of the ponds. |
| 60 Days | Fishing with live bait fish. |
| 30 Days | Unauthorized vehicle parking. |
| 1 Year | Fishing with trotlines, fish traps or chemicals. |
| 60 Days | Violation of station limit but not state limit. |
| Reinstatement of fishing privileges at Discretion of Commanding Officer | Defacing or destroying government property and littering. |
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